

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**November 13, 2003**

**IN RE:**

**PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION  
FOR APPROVAL OF FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS  
WITH WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND  
JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE**

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**DOCKET NO.  
03-00520**

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**ORDER APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

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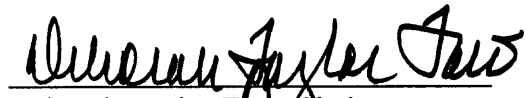
This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Pat Miller and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 21, 2003, for consideration of the *Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of Franchise Agreements with Williamson County and Johnson City, Tennessee* ("Petition") filed on September 12, 2003.


At the above-referenced Authority Conference, the Directors unanimously appointed the General Counsel or his designee to act as Hearing Officer in this matter to make findings of fact and conclusions of law, as necessary, and to render an initial decision on the merits of the *Petition*, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-301 and 65-2-111 and such other legal authority as may be provided by law.

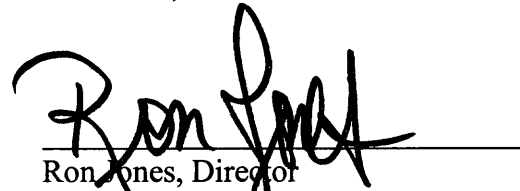
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The General Counsel or his designee is appointed Hearing Officer in this matter to make findings of fact and conclusions of law, as necessary, and to render an initial

decision on the merits of the *Petition*, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-301 and 65-2-111 and such other legal authority as may be provided by law.

  
Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman

  
Pat Miller, Director

  
Ron Jones, Director